

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A blur correction apparatus comprising:

a blur correcting optical system constituting at least a part of a photographic optical system, which corrects a blur occurring at an image-capturing surface of a photographing apparatus by moving within a movable range extending along a direction substantially perpendicular to an optical axis of the photographic optical system;

a blur correction drive unit that drives the blur correcting optical system;

a blur correction operation enabling unit that selects either a blur correction enabled state in which a blur correction operation executed by driving the blur correcting optical system is enabled or a blur correction disabled state in which the blur correction operation is disabled; and

a control unit that controls the blur correction drive unit in the blur correction disabled state so as to hold the blur correcting optical system at a specific position over a required length of time starting at a specific time point.

2. (Original) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the blur correcting optical system can freely move within the movable range in the blur correction disabled state.

3. (Original) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the specific time point is a photographing operation start point.

4. (Original) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the specific time point is a time point at which the photographing apparatus is subjected to a shock.

5. (Original) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein:

the time point at which the photographing apparatus is subjected to a shock is at least one of: a time point at which an flash device included in the photographing apparatus is deployed, a time point at which the focal length is changed by the photographic optical system, a time point at which a focusing operation is executed with the photographic optical system and a time point at which power to the photographing apparatus is turned on.

6. (Original) A blur correction apparatus comprising:

a blur correcting optical system constituting at least a part of a photographic optical system, which corrects a blur occurring at an image-capturing surface of a photographing apparatus by moving within a movable range extending along a direction substantially perpendicular to an optical axis of the photographic optical system;

a blur correction drive unit that drives the blur correcting optical system;

a blur correction operation enabling unit that selects either a blur correction enabled state in which a blur correction operation executed by driving the blur correcting optical system is enabled or a blur correction disabled state in which the blur correction operation is disabled; and

a control unit that controls the blur correction drive unit in the blur correction disabled state so as to move the blur correcting optical system to a position at which the optical axis of the photographic optical system and an optical axis of the blur correcting

optical system are substantially aligned with each other at a start of a photographing operation and hold the blur correcting optical system at the position.

7. (Currently Amended) A photographing apparatus comprising:
 - a blur correction apparatus according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~;
 - an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and
 - a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.
8. (Original) A photographing apparatus according to claim 7 further comprising:
 - a display unit that displays the image obtained through the photographic optical system.
9. (New) A photographing apparatus comprising:
 - a blur correction apparatus according to claim 2;
 - an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and
 - a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.
10. (New) A photographing apparatus comprising:
 - a blur correction apparatus according to claim 3;
 - an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and

a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.

11. (New) A photographing apparatus comprising:

a blur correction apparatus according to claim 4;

an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and

a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.

12. (New) A photographing apparatus comprising:

a blur correction apparatus according to claim 5;

an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and

a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.

13. (New) A photographing apparatus comprising:

a blur correction apparatus according to claim 6;

an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and

a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.